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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5319

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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY LOME

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PARIS FOR RFC/USDO

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- 1. IN REGARD TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL, GOVERNMENT ROOM RATES ARE AVAILABLE AT SHERATON MT. FEBE PALACE HOTEL YAOUNDE. NORMAL SINGLE ROOM RATE 5,500 FRANCS CFA REDUCED TO 4,750 FRANCS CFA PER DAY. BOTH RATES ARE SUBJECT TO ADDITION OF 9.65 PERCENT TAX. APPROXIMATELY 210 FRANCS CFA EQUALS DOLS 1.00.
- 2. CONCERNING USE OF LOCAL CURRENCY FOR USG PURPOSES IN CAMEROON, EMBASSY YAOUNDE OBTAINS ALL ITS CFA FRANCS FROM AMEMBASSY PARIS (RFC/USDO). USDO PARIS PRESUMABLY COULD USE LOCALLY GENERATED CURRENCY WHICH COULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPOSITED IN BIAO CAMEROON FOR ITS BIAO PARIS ACCOUNT.

SINCE CFA FRANC IS BY TREATY WITH GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FREELY CONVERTIBLE INTO THE FRENCH FRANC AT PAR RATE OF 50 FRANCS CFA EQUALS ONE FRENCH FRANC, TRANSFERS TO AND FROM FRANCE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT POST ANY PROBLEMS. THERE IS NO RPT NO BLOCKAGE OF CURRENCY IN CAMEROON, BUT ALL CURRENCY TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING TRANSFERS WITHIN FRANC ZONE, MUST BE APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE. PERMITS ARE READILY OBTAINABLE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT REFTEL BE REPEATED TO AMEMBASSY PARIS (FOR RFC/USDO) FOR VERIFICATION AND COMMENTS, IF DESIRED.

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